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State Closes Registration Moose Hunt RM840 in Unit 22C

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announces an emergency order closure of the State registration moose hunt RM840 in Unit 22C at 11:59 p.m. September 9, 2005.

A harvest quota of 40 bulls was set for Unit 22C. Current reported harvest from Unit 22C is 35 bull moose and harvest is expected to reach 40 bulls by the season closing date announced in this emergency order.

Following a record harvest in 2004 of 52 bull moose in Unit 22C, fall composition surveys found the bull:cow ratio had declined to 11 bulls per 100 cows, well below the Departments management goal of 20 bulls per 100 cows. The Department established a 40 bull harvest quota in Unit 22C to prevent excessive harvest and improve the bull:cow ratio.

A previous emergency order announced the closure of the registration hunt in the Kuzitrin River drainage in Unit 22D at 11:59 PM on September 8, but the registration hunts in western Unit 22B and Unit 22D Southwest are expected to remain open at this time.

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